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Lifeguard Applications Now Available for Summer Employment at the Olympic Pool

Kerrville, Texas (February 5, 2015) – Have you always wanted to be a lifeguard? Do you enjoy working outdoors and being around water? If so, this job is for you! The City of Kerrville is currently accepting applications for lifeguards to work at the Olympic Pool for the summer. Applicants must be at least 16 years old, be able to work regularly from late May through the end of July, and occasionally through mid-August to assist with aquatic related special events.

Not certified? That's okay! The Ellis & Associates Lifeguard Training is provided through the Parks and Recreation Department. The first training course starts March 27th and ends March 29th. A second training course will be held April 24th-26th. Candidates will only need to attend one of the two offered training courses. The lifeguards pay for their own training class; however, the City will reimburse this fee for those who complete employment through the summer. Once received, the lifeguard license is valid for one year. Training prerequisites include a 100 yard continuous swim, treading water without using arms for one minute, and a brick retrieval from 16 feet. "It's a great first job as lifeguarding provides

leadership training and incorporates professionalism and responsibility in an aquatic environment,” stated Destini Ledesma, Parks and Recreation Specialist. “It’s a great way to earn summer money, especially if you like the outdoors.”

The Parks and Recreation Department will again participate in competitive lifeguarding for the fourth consecutive year. The “Guard Team” is made up of two male lifeguards and two female lifeguards who are selected through voluntary try-outs. Each team competes in several unknown team and individual scenarios and simulations that encompass all of the basic life support skills taught in the lifeguard training program. The team will compete against other teams from all over Texas at various lifeguard competitions. The City of Kerrville Guard Team placed 1st at the 2013 State Lifeguard Championships.

Applications are available at City Hall located at 701 Main Street or at www.kerrvilletx.gov. Apply now as positions are limited and training is conducted in the early spring as specified above. Starting rate is \$8.75 per hour.

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